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United States Attorney Joe W. Stecher and the Tri City Drug Task Force, Adams County Sheriff's Office, Grand Island Police Department, Nebraska State Patrol, Hall County Sheriff's Office and the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, along with the Federal Bureau of Investigation announce the following information for the attention of the media:

**Event Triggering this Release:**

The Honorable Warren K. Urbom, United States District Judge in Lincoln, Nebraska, on April 7, 2009, sentenced Jose Luis Rodriguez to 14 years in federal prison following his conviction for conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. Rodriguez was found to have distributed about 8 pounds of methamphetamine in 2007 in Hastings, Nebraska. He was also found guilty of having possessed a firearm in connection with the conspiracy. Rodriguez was also sentenced to a 5 year term of supervised release and was ordered to pay a \$100 special assessment.

**Name of Defendant:** Jose Luis Rodriguez

**AKA:**

**Age:** 41

**City of Residence:** Hastings, Nebraska

**Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty:** Conspiracy to Distribute Methamphetamine - 10 years to life imprisonment; \$4,000,000 fine; 5 years term of supervised release, and \$100 special assessment.

**Specific Location of Alleged Crime:** Hastings, Nebraska

**Location of Arrest:** Hastings, Nebraska

**Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug:** 8 pounds of methamphetamine

**Others Charged in Same Scheme:** Frank N. Juviel

**Relevant Dates:**

**Date of Alleged Crime:** 01/01/2001 through 03/16/2008

**Federal Arrest Date:** 05/27/2008

**Date Complaint Issued:** N/A

**Indictment Returned Date:** 05/22/2008

**Initial Appearance Date:** 05/28/2008

**Plea Date:** 01/12/2009

**Sentencing Date:** 04/07/2008

**Next Court Hearing Type and Date:** N/A

**Assigned Magistrate Judge:** David Piester

**Held without Bond, or Released from Custody:** Held without Bond

**In Continuous Custody Since:** 04/07/2009

**Assigned District Court Judge:** Warren K. Urbom

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